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In re Application of: )  
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Edmund M. Carnahan et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1713  
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Application No.: 09/869,578 ) Examiner: Rip A. Lee  
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Filed: October 23, 2001 )  
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For: Process for Preparing a Supported )  
Polymerization Catalyst Using )  
Reduced Amounts of Solvent and )  
Polymerization Process )

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Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

In response to the Office Action of January 22, 2003, please amend this application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 1, 5-9, and 18-20 as follows:

1. (Amended) A process for preparing an olefin polymerization catalyst comprising the steps of:

- A. calcining silica at a temperature of 30 to 1000°C to form calcined silica,
- B. reacting the calcined silica with an agent selected from the group consisting of:
- i. Lewis acid alkylating agents,